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BOOK REVIEWS.

PLEADING AND PRACTICE OF THE HIGH COURT OF CHANCERY.

By the late EDMUND ROBERT DANIELL, Barrister-at-Law. Sixth American Edition, with Notes and References to American Decisions, &c., adapting the work to the demands of American Practice in Chancery. By JOHN M. GOULD, Ph. D., author of the "LAW OF WATERS," &c. In three volumes. Boston: Little, Brown, & Co. 1894.

It is a work of supererogation at this day to say anything in praise of a book that has so thoroughly commended itself to the legal profession, and been the recipient of such eulogy from the most learned members of the bench and bar, as DANIELL'S CHANCERY PRACTICE. At its first appearance, it took precedence of all other text books on the subject, and has retained that position, without a rival. Other works, of greater or less value as brief epitomes of the principles and practice of equity, have from time to time appeared, and by their less cost obtained a considerable clientele; but DANIELL has always been, and still is, the most exhaustive and masterly work on "Chancery Practice," in its fullness and accuracy of detail, comprehensiveness of plan, and logical arrangement. All these features are enhanced by the skilful editing of the present edition, which has been enriched with a vast number of additional citations, bringing the cases down to a very recent date.

In particular, the equity rules of the Supreme Court of the United States have now been annotated for the first time, with all the federal decisions relating to their construction—a feature of the work, which alone will render the book even more indispensable to the equity lawyer than it has previously been (if the grammarians will permit the expression). But in addition, all the recent cases on Equity Practice in the Code States, as well as in the common law States, have been added, with

copious citations referring to and elucidating the many peculiar developments of the English Chancery system; thus giving a complete view of the history and present condition of Equity Procedure. The results of this fulness of treatment may be seen everywhere throughout the book.

There are some minor points in which this present edition might have been improved upon. The notes, during the years that have elapsed since the first issue of the book, have been loaded with such a plethora of additional cases, as to necessitate their being printed in very small, and therefore trying type. It might have been better if the work had been printed in four volumes, though this would, perhaps, have hindered its sale. The notes are also in a somewhat chaotic state, owing to the last editor having printed many of his notes as addenda to the original ones, though also incorporating a large number of cases in the text of the old notes. It would have been far better, though of course a great addition to the labor required, if the notes had been wholly recast, and all the new matter worked into them.

The general use of the West Co. Reporters, also, renders a double citation of cases almost essential now-a-days in any text book that aspires to a general audience; but this will be found to be rarely the case in this book. These blemishes, however, are but trifling compared with the real value of the work that Mr. GOULD has done in this edition; and DANIELL'S CHANCERY PRACTICE may be safely affirmed to be more than ever the one essential book, both for study and for practical use, in reference to the practice in Courts of Equity; indispensable alike to the student, the practitioner and the judge.

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THE LAW OF EMINENT DOMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES. By CARMAN F. RANDOLPH. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. 1894.

The importance of this work can hardly be overrated. If there is one subject in the field of law, which is more misunderstood than another, it is the right of eminent domain.